

# Maine Charter School Commission

## Intent to Submit a Charter School Application

Proposed Charter School Name: Snow Pond Arts Academy

Proposed School Location: Snow Pond Center for the Arts/New England Music Camp,  
Sidney, Maine

Proposed Grade Levels: Grades 9 to 12

School Program Design: See Attachment A

Target Population: Students with an interest in and commitment to performing and visual  
arts education

Contact Person: John D. Wiggin

Relationship to Applicant Entity: President

Name of Applicant Organization: The New England Music Camp Association/Snow  
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the Maine Charter School Commission. I understand that this document is not part of  
the application, but that I must provide this document to the Commission within 15 days  
of the issue of the RFP if I wish to submit an application.

Signature: John D. Wiggin Date: June 24, 2014

If different than Contact Person, please print name: \_\_\_\_\_

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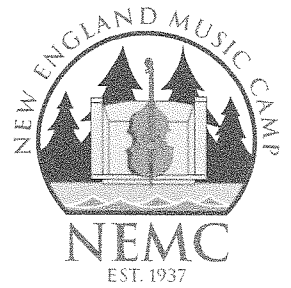
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## **ATTACHMENT A TO SNOW POND ARTS ACADEMY LETTER OF INTENT**

On the picturesque shores of Lake Messalonskee, also known as Snow Pond, sit 50 acres with residential cabins, practice spaces, performance halls and the largest amphitheater east of the Mississippi. The Snow Pond Arts Academy (SPAA) will provide a college preparatory program focusing on arts education with a high level of core academic rigor. Our low student to teacher ratio, essential for arts education, will also allow us to provide a great deal of student support. Students attending the Snow Pond Arts Academy will graduate proficient in core standards set forth by the Common Core, Maine Learning Results, and civic and social expectations that are at the core of Snow Pond Arts Academy's mission. It is our philosophy to educate the "whole person" so that when they leave SPAA they will not only be accomplished artists, but also well adjusted life long learners who can contribute positively to their community.

Snow Pond Arts Academy is in a prime position to provide a financially sustainable and time-tested arts education. Over the last 78 years the New England Music Camp, "NEMC", has created a reputation for providing young musicians with a world-class music education experience. Firmly rooted in this model, SPAA will target students who are motivated and focused in the arts. We hear story after story during our summer program that young musicians leave for ten months and then return (home) for the summer. We will provide a place where kids feel comfortable to be themselves and are not ashamed of their musical talents and focus. Snow Pond Arts Academy will bring this family focused, nurturing and compassionate environment to our arts focused charter school.

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